

HONORING MR. WILLIAM H. CORNELISON OF LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 15, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of William H. Cornelison on the occasion of his retirement as Lake County Superintendent of Public Schools. Mr. Cornelison's career in public education has been distinguished by his strong leadership and success expanding the facilities and service of the Lake County school districts.

Mr. Cornelison was born in San Bernardino, CA, and attended the University of San Diego where he received a bachelor of arts degree in history. He finished his masters of education in 1967 and went on to complete a Ph.D. in educational leadership and human behavior from U.S. International University in San Diego in 1970.

Mr. Cornelison arrived in Lake County after serving as a teacher and then principal at several schools in California. He was hired as the superintendent of the Middletown Unified School District in 1979. He moved on to Konocti Unified School District where he was superintendent from 1986 to 1994.

Mr. Cornelison was elected as Lake County Superintendent of Schools in 1994 and has served three consecutive terms. He has made numerous improvements to the schools of Lake County, and has expanded a wide range of programs which increase the opportunities for Lake County's children. These include preschool, after school, Healthy Start and early reading programs, all established to ensure our children receive the strongest possible education. He has also worked to implement vocational training for Lake County schools, including an innovative vocational agriculture program at Middletown High School.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to his work with our schools, Mr. Cornelison has been active in the community working to spread the same kind of opportunities he has provided to his students. He is a long-time Rotarian, including a stint as president, and sits on the boards of North Coast Opportunities, the Lake County Community Action Council, and the Sonoma-Mendocino-Lake United Way. Additionally, he is active with the Diocese of Santa Rosa and a member of the Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Like his work in schools, his volunteer work contributes vastly to the quality of life in Lake County.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we congratulate Mr. William Cornelison on the occasion of his retirement as Lake County Superintendent of Schools and thank him for his long service to public education. I wish Bill, his wife Denise and their entire family all the best as he begins the next chapter in his life.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 994, EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, today we remember those who died tragically on September 11, 2001—and the family members who continue to mourn such terrible loss. We honor the strength of these Americans and we also thank the brave men and women defending America today from those who continue to seek to do us harm.

We live in a very special place. We live in a country that is built on the fundamental principle that all persons have inherent dignity and rights. The freedoms we enjoy depend on this fundamental principle. As many did in the immediate aftermath of the 9–11 attacks, Americans are willing to risk their lives for the sake of their fellow citizens—for the good of country, family, and community.

Last week I had the privilege of formally welcoming home the soldiers of the 67th Area Support Group of the Nebraska National Guard as they all returned home safely from a yearlong deployment.

What a beautiful scene! Families reunited . . . husbands and wives in loving embraces, children scrambling to greet the mom or dad they'd known only through letters and photos the year before. Parents taking up young children in their arms, some perhaps for the first time.

In their commitment and patriotism, these soldiers had given a year away from families and homes to serve their country. Many of our military service personnel will tell you that their service is driven by the events of that fateful day 5 years ago. They sacrifice so much personally to help protect our Nation.

Fortunately there has not been an attack on America for five years. This is not due to wishful thinking. This is due to the extraordinary effort to rethink and reform our national security efforts. Our military, our homeland security forces, police officers, firefighters, and emergency first responders have all played a very important role in protecting America.

Their work helps make America safer—their sacrifice keeps our families more secure.

And the compassion, sacrifice, and resolve of the American people help make our Nation great. We have faced difficult challenges of worldwide significance in the past—World War II and the Cold War. We prevailed then and we must now prevail for the good of our country and the hope of a more peaceful world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 15, 2006

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 448, my vote was not recorded.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK R. KENNEDY

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 15, 2006

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday, September 14, 2006; however, my vote on the following rollcall would have been as follows: rollcall No. 447, H.R. 2864, "yea."

TRIBUTE TO MR. FRANK L. CIMINELLI

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 15, 2006

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, with great pride and delight I rise today to honor a leader and entrepreneur who has spent his lifetime raising up not only buildings and properties, but his Western New York community as well.

Mr. Frank L. Ciminelli has literally left his mark on Western New York through his leadership, savvy, integrity and hard work as founder and head of Ciminelli Development Company, making him one of the most respected figures in the area. Headquartered in the Buffalo-Niagara region since its inception, the company has created, developed, renovated and renewed more than 9 million square feet of the region's commercial and industrial space, dotting the region's map with distinctive properties and more than 350 business tenants. Mr. Ciminelli's life and work has been fully committed to Western New York—to building and transforming the region, supporting its businesses and giving back to the community.

Mr. Ciminelli built his business and his dream from the ground up. After graduating from the Erie County Technical Institute in 1954, he started his residential construction specializing in concrete work before branching out to commercial and industrial projects. The Frank L. Ciminelli Construction Company was founded in 1960, and over the next decades Mr. Ciminelli would expand his operation into a diverse and highly successful general construction, development and management entity. Transitioning into full service real estate development, Mr. Ciminelli founded the Ciminelli Development Company in 1981. From site selection through tenant occupancy, the company now controls all aspects of its development projects, earning accolades for its quality and reliability and earning Mr. Ciminelli numerous awards, including the 1996 Niagara Frontier Executive of the Year, the 1995 Upstate New York Entrepreneur of the Year and the 1993 Buffalonian of the Year and most recently the 2006 Brick by Brick Lifetime Achievement Award.

His mark on Western New York goes far beyond his buildings, however. Mr. Ciminelli has made it a priority and personal charge to give back to the Western New York community. Involved in countless organizations—including Sisters of Charity Hospital, Sisters of Mercy,

University at Buffalo Foundation, American Cancer Society, Catholic Charities and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America, just to name a few—Mr. Ciminelli has been a community leader as much as a business leader, a tremendous corporate citizen. With as much zeal and willpower with which he has led his business, he has given back for the good of his beloved Western New York community.

Through it all, Mr. Ciminelli has been a devoted family man, husband to wife Rosalie, father to six children and grandfather to eleven. Although guiding a first rate business to the very top, Mr. Ciminelli has always insisted that family means most to him and has led his life accordingly. The youngest of 12 children himself, he has always known that family comes first, and always will.

Thus, Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the indelible mark Mr. Ciminelli has left on Western New York, his remarkable business accomplishments, his charitable gifts and his spirit to make his community a better place, I ask that this Honorable Body join me in honoring Mr. Frank L. Ciminelli.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH MAULL
CAREY

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 15, 2006

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and achievements of one of Wyoming and Delaware's great citizens, Joseph Maull Carey. I am honored to venerate a man who served his fellow citizens in the halls of local, State, and Federal Governments.

Joseph Maull Carey was born in 1845 to successful Delaware farmers in Milton, Delaware. After schooling in Delaware, Carey attended college in New York and law school in Pennsylvania. Joseph Carey moved to Wyoming following his graduation from law school, where many years later he would join the list of Governors hailing from Milton.

Governor Carey began his memorable career in public service to the people of Wyoming and the United States in 1869, serving as a U.S. district attorney while Wyoming was still a territory. In 1871 Joseph Carey moved to the bench and served the growing population of Wyoming as an associate justice to the Wyoming Supreme Court until 1876. Even though Carey went on to serve in many other capacities, he still kept the title of judge for the remainder of his life. Following his departure from the bench, Governor Carey and his brother went into business together, creating a thriving ranching business in the heart of Wyoming. Despite this successful business venture, Joseph Carey still had a longing desire to serve his fellow citizens.

Carey reentered public life in 1881 when he was elected Mayor of Cheyenne, Wyoming. He served only a single term as Mayor before moving on to represent the people of Wyoming at the federal level. Carey became the territorial representative to the United States Congress in 1885, and led the push for Wyoming to achieve statehood. Under his leadership, a bill was introduced that paved the way for Wyoming to become the 44th state in the

union. Following Wyoming's constitutional convention in September of 1889, Carey was on hand as President Benjamin Harrison signed the bill into law officially granting statehood to Wyoming. In 1890 Carey became Wyoming's first senator, serving as the chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor. Senator Carey returned to Cheyenne in 1895 and resumed his law practice while advancing educational opportunities for the people of our great state as a trustee for the University of Wyoming. Joseph Carey forayed once more into public service in 1911, becoming governor of Wyoming for one term. During his tenure, he was one of the founding members of the progressive party, which sought to re-elect Teddy Roosevelt.

Joseph Maull Carey was a devoted public servant for the people of Wyoming, Delaware, and the United States. He served the people admirably in many different roles throughout the course of his life, and has forever etched himself in the history of our Nation.

FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES
COMPETITION IN CONTRACTING
ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill, (H.R. 2965) to amend title 18, United States Code, to require Federal Prison Industries to compete for its contracts minimizing its unfair competition with private sector firms and their non-inmate workers and empowering Federal agencies to get the best value for taxpayers' dollars, to provide a 5-year period during which Federal Prison Industries adjusts to obtaining inmate work opportunities through other than its mandatory source status, to enhance inmate access to remedial and vocational opportunities and other rehabilitative opportunities to better prepare inmates for a successful return to society, to authorize alternative inmate work opportunities in support of nonprofit organizations and other public service programs, and for other purposes:

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Chairman, although I agree with the central goal of H.R. 2965, I had some concerns with several provisions in the bill. I believe contracts should be awarded on a competitive basis, with private businesses having a fair chance to participate. And if H.R. 2965 merely ended the noncompetitive nature of Federal Prison Industries, FPI, contracts, I would have supported it. However, the legislation contained some other provisions that, in my view, undermined the effort to make Federal contracting more competitive. Specifically, the bill requires that the Federal Government scale back its total purchases from FPI, regardless of whether FPI's bids are competitive. It also mandates a substantial increase in the wages paid to inmates employed by FPI, apparently with an eye toward making FPI less competitive. I am concerned that this policy could increase costs to Government agencies by forcing them to agree to more expensive contracts. Furthermore, in order to make up for the potential loss of FPI employment, H.R. 2965 includes several expensive new

prison rehabilitation programs. Since FPI currently receives no taxpayer money, I am not convinced that this approach makes sense in our tight budget climate. Thus, while I support doing away with the current preferential treatment of FPI in Government contracting, I opposed H.R. 2965 for these reasons.

MILDRED L. DIXON: JUNE 26, 1923–
SEPTEMBER 8, 2006

HON. CORRINE BROWN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 15, 2006

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, as the city of Winter Garden, Florida's first female and first African-American elected to the city commission in 1985, Mildred L. Dixon, 83, dedicated her life to serving her community.

Commissioner Dixon first took office after filing a lawsuit denouncing Winter Garden's at-large elections as violating the 1965 Voting Rights Act. She was the first black commissioner elected in the city's 77-year history. In seven terms, she ran unopposed three times and soundly defeated her opponents in four races.

In 1983, 2 years before running for office, she was successful in initiating single member voting districts for commissioners in Winter Garden. Most recently, she initiated the city's current charter review. As an advocate for youth and senior programs, as well as affordable housing in the east Orange County community, she tirelessly pursued potential funding sources for area community centers, and possible joint ventures for low income and affordable housing developments.

A retired nurse, she was a member of the 9th Street Church of Christ in Winter Garden since 1939. As a testament to her tenacity, and tireless love for her community, in 1992 the city named a street in the Horizons Oaks neighborhood in her honor. In 1999, the Mildred Dixon Activities Center, home of the West Orange Boys and Girls Clubs on West Crown Point Road was renamed in her honor.

She was an officer in the West Orange Citizen Action Coalition; Orange County Community Development Corporation; and the West Orange Community Housing Development Corporation. In addition, she was a member of the Orange County Community Action Board; West Orange Neighborhood Center for Families; the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; National League of Cities Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials; and the Tri-County, Florida and National League of Cities organizations.

Mildred Dixon was a determined advocate for Winter Garden and its citizens. She will be missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 15, 2006

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the RECORD to reflect that